

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TRIPOL 00654 121509Z

43

ACTION NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03

SS-20 USIA-15 IO-14 OMB-01 EB-11 DRC-01 /153 W

----- 127671

R 121435Z JUN 74

FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1307

INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0654

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, LY

SUBJECT : QADHAFI FAILS TO SPEAK ON AMERICAN EVACUATION
DAY

REF: TRIPOLI 639

SUMMARY: QADHAFI FAILED TO APPEAR AT CELEBRATIONS IN
TRIPOLI MARKING JUNE 11 ANNIVERSARY OF EVACUATION OF WHEELUS
AIR BASE, LEAVING TASK
TO JALLUD. OCCASION WAS NOT USED TO
ANNOUNCE BLOW AT AMERICAN INTERESTS, AS IN PAST, AND JALLUD'S
SPEECH WAS MOSTLY EMPTY RHETORIC. QADHAFI'S ABSENCE DAMPENED
ANY POPULAR ENTHUSIASM. AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN PRESS
JUNE 10 MAY EXPLAIN WHY QADHAFI DID NOT SPEAK. IT CHARGED
THAT PROGRAM OUTLINED BY HIM IN PREVIOUS SPEECHES HAD NOT
BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY "GOVERNMENT APPARATUS", AND ASKED

RHETORICALLY WHAT POINT THERE WAS TO MORE SPEECHES?
QADHAFI HAS NOT APPEARED ON AN OFFICIAL OCCASION FOR OVER
TWO MONTHS, AND
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TRIPOL 00654 121509Z

IS PROBABLY IN ONE OF HIS PERIODIC MOODS

OF DEPRESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. FOR FIRST TIME, COLONEL QADHAFI FAILED TO GIVE A SPEECH ON ANNIVERSARY OF DEPARTURE OF U.S. TROOPS FROM LIBYA, LEAVING THE JOB TO PRIMIN JALLUD. JALLUD'S AWKWARD, EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH (CARRIED FBIS) WAS MOSTLY A SUCCESSION OF PLATITUDES EMPTY OF SUBSTANCE, WHICH VISIBLY BORED THE CROWD ASSEMBLED FOR OCCASION HOURS EARLIER IN A TRIPOLI SQUARE. IT CONTAINED ONLY VAGUEST REFERENCE TO NEW U.S. ROLE IN THE MIDEAST AND PRESIDENT'S MIDEAST TOUR. SINGLE PASSAGE OF INTEREST IS JALLUD'S MESSAGE FROM QUADHAFI THAT HE HOPES MASSES WILL TAKE OVER

REVOLUTION, AND NOT LEAVE JOB TO RCC AND ITS CHAIRMAN. JALLUD BEGAN AND ENDED IN NAME OF QAADHAFI, AND THESE

REFERENCES WERE ONLY PASSAGES TO WHICH CROWD SEEMED TO RESPOND AT ALL. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A PARADE IT

INCLUDED NO ARMY UNITS OR WEAPONS, AND QUADHAFI'S ABSENCE SEEMED TO CAST A PALL OVER FESTIVITIES.

2. THE LEADING ARTICLE IN "AL FATAH" OF JUNE 10, "VOICE

OF FREE UNIONISTS", MAY BE QUADHAFI'S WAY OF EXPLAINING HIS FAILURE TO SHOWUP FOR OCCASION. ANONYMOUS WRITER OF ARTICLE SAYS THAT WHEN QADHAFI GIVES SPEECH, HE

DOES IT TO TRACE A PLAN OF ACTION FOR "GOVERNMENTAL APPARATUS", AND NOT FOR CHEERS OF CROWD. IN HIS SABRATHA SPEECH OF 1971, FOR EXAMPLE, QADHAFI HAD CALLED FOR

EFFORTS BY STATE TO IMPROVE LOT OF INHABITANTS OF RURAL AREAS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY, WITHOIT ESSENTIAL SERVICES, BUT THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE. INSTEAD MONEY HAD BEEN SPENT FOOLISHLY ON BUILDING FOUNTAINS AND TOURIST COMPLEXES IN CITIES. THIS RAISED QUESTION, WRITER SAID, OF WHY GOVERNMENTAL APPARATUS HAD NOT IMPLEMENTED QADHAFI'S PROGRAM. "WHAT CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 TRIPOL 00654 121509Z

POINT IS THERE TO MORE SPEECHES IF THE FIRST SPEECHES HAVEN'T BEEN IMPLEMENTED?" ARTICLE RECALLS QADHAFI'SCRITICISM OF THOSE BUREAUCRATS WHO SIT AROUND IN OFFICES, AND CHARGES THAT IT IS THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN OVER POPULAR COMMITTEES. (IT WAS ANNOUNCED SAME DAY BY LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY THAT ARAB SOCIALIST UNION WOULD HENCEFORTH HAVE ROLE OF "SUPERVISING" POPULAR COMMITTEES.)

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT QADHAFI IS IN ONE OF HIS PERIODIC CRISES OF DESPONDENCY AND DESPAIR. HE HAS BEEN SEEN IN RECENT DAYS IN TRIPOLI WALKING NEAR HIS HOUSE AND BY THE PORT ACCOMPANIED BY A FEW BODYGUARDS, READING THE KORAN, BUT HAS NOT APPEARED ON AN OFFICIAL OCCASION SINCE EARLY APRIL, OVER TWO MONTHS AGO. CERTAINLY HE HAS GOOD REASON TO BE DEPRESSED BY FAILURE OF HIS FOREIGN

POLICY, AND HE IS APPARENTLY ALSO UNHAPPY WITH THE FUNCTIONING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY REGIME HE HAS TRIED TO BUILD IN LIBYA. HIS FAILURE TO SPEAK ON AMERICAN EVACUATION DAY,

AN OCCASION WHEN IN THE PAST HE HAS ALWAYS MADE A MAJOR

SPEECH, RAISES QUESTION OF HOW LONGIT WILL BE BEFORE HE COMES OUT OF IT THIS TIME.

STEIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, MILITARY BASES, PUBLIC ATTITUDES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 JUN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: izenbei0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974TRIPOL00654
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740151-1136
From: TRIPOLI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740650/aaaabqwa.tel
Line Count: 133
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: TRIPOLI 639
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: izenbei0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13-Aug-2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <19 FEB 2003 by izenbei0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: : QADHAFI FAILS TO SPEAK ON AMERICAN EVACUATION DAY
TAGS: PINT, LY, US, (QADHAFI, MU'AMMAR), (JALLUD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005